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SUBJ: W/W DALLAS AND ANN CLINGER

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1. ON APRIL 21 EMBASSY DELIVERED LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO PRINCE NAIF BIN ABD AL-AZIZ (MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERIOR AFFAIRS) ASKING HIS ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING CLINGER CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LETTER ALSO INFORMED PRINCE THAT CLINGERS' EMPLOYER, THE J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WOULD GUARANTEE ANY FINE THAT MIGHT BE LEVIED AGAINST THE CLINGERS SHOULD THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PERMIT THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY.

2. PRINCE NAIF IS THE FULL BROTHER OF CROWN PRINCE AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE FAHD, AND THE HALF BROTHER OF KING KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ.

3. IN THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH, THE EMBASSY HAD MADE A WORKING LEVEL INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR BY MEANS OF ITS AID OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISOR. ADVISOR WAS TOLD THAT A FEELING WAS BUILDING UP IN THE MINISTRY THAT IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF CLINGER CASE WERE FOLLOWED UP TOO CLOSELY, AND WITHOUT GIVING SAG A CHANCE TO CONCLUDE INVESTIGATION AT ITS OWN PACE. ON MARCH 25, KING FAISAL WAS ASSASSINATED, AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WAS IN WEEKS THEREAFTER FULLY TAKEN UP

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WITH RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD. IN ADDITION,

PRINCE NAIF HIMSELF WAS NAMED TO HEAD THE SAUDI EQUIVALENT OF THE "WARREN COMMISSION" WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE BACKGROUND AND MOTIVES OF THE ASSASSIN. THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL GOING ON, BUT WE THINK THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THIS LATEST COMMUNICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WILL CAUSE THE CLINGER CASE TO BE EXPEDITED.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE CLINGERS, AND ALSO THE CHIEF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION FIRM.

5. SENATOR CLIFFORD HANSEN OF WYOMING HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE CLINGER CASE.

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